Indiana Wetlands Conservation Plan

Indiana Department of Natural Resources

Plan's Main Contact Information:

Restoration Plan Database: Crystal Reports of Individual Plan Summaries

I. BASIC PLAN DATA
Plan name:
Indiana Wetlands Conservation Plan
Brief description of plan:
This plan looks at the big picture of wetlands conservation and identifies steps towards the conservation of Indiana's wetlands. It has been designed as a framework for discussion and problem solving. It establishes common ground upon which progress in wetlands conservation can be made and sets forth specifications to achieve that progress.
Region the plan is located within:
Great Lakes Region
Watershed(s) included within the plan:
L047x , L048x
Area plan covers (in square miles):
square miles
Plan scale:
State
Plan's lead organization(s):

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On-line version of plan:

Date of original plan:

6/1996

II. TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Plan includes restoration goals: Y

Level of detail of the goals:

G

Summary of the goals:

Conserve Indiana's remaining wetland resources as defined by acreage, type and function and restore and create wetlands where opportunities exist to increase the quality and quantity of wetland resources.

Plan recommends or uses criteria for selecting restoration sites (e.g. cost benefit ratio, ecological benefits):

Y

Summary of the criteria:

Criteria was developed (preliminary) for physical and chemical functions of wetlands. The plan provided a list of components or functions that could be used to rank or prioritize Indiana wetlands in order to serve the purposes of water quality, flood control and groundwater recharge.

Plan recommends restoration of specific project sites:

N

Plan includes a discussion of funding sources:
N
Plan addresses long-term protection of restored sites:
Y
Partners included in developing the plan:
Federal State Academia
Type(s) of public outreach included during plan development:
Conducted surveys Formed an advisory group(s) Was subject to a public comment period
Plan includes public outreach as part of plan implementation (e.g. annual public meeting, local group participation):
Y
Plan discusses the application of innovative approaches to restoration:
N
Plan make use of GIS mapping capabilities:
N
Plan addresses monitoring/reference sites for ecosystem level monitoring (baseline conditions) by:
N
Plan addresses monitoring/reference sites for project level monitoring by:
N
The plan discusses or coordinates with other restoration plans covering the same geographic area: \ensuremath{N}
Other plan names:

Plan contains detailed information on historic and/or current habitat size, rate of loss, acres restored or protected, etc.):

Y

Summary of this habitat information:

Indiana had approximately 813,000 acres of wetland habitat in the mid-1980's. The extent of wetland gain or loss since that time in unknown. Estimated historic losses of wetlands, based on an estimate of wetland acreage 200 years ago, is approximately 85%.